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SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT: HOTEL ROOMS

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1. FOLLOWING HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED:

A. PRE-ADVANCE AND LEAD ADVANCE:

BEGINNING MARCH 13, HAVE RESERVED FIFTY-FIVE
DOUBLE ROOMS (TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS) AT
ANAUCO HILTON (JUST ACROSS STREET FROM CARACAS
HILTON) FOR PRE-ADVANCE AND LEAD ADVANCE, EIGHTEEN
ROOMS AT MACUTO SHERATON AT BEACH HAVE BEEN
RESERVED FOR AIR FORCE CREW.

B. ADVANCE:

BEGINNING MARCH 14, HAVE FORTY MORE DOUBLE
ROOMS (TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS) AT ANAUCO HILTON
AND FORTY DOUBLE ROOMS AT CARACAS HILTON FOR
ADVANCE.

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C. PLEASE NOTE REGARDING ANAUCO HILTON
APARTMENTS THAT MOST CONSIST OF TWO SEPARATE
BEDROOMS, ONE BATH AND A HALF, AND A LIVING
ROOM WITH A STUDIO COUCH THAT CAN BE MADE
INTO A BED. KITCHENETTES NO LONGER OPERABLE.
SOME OF THE APARTMENTS WILL HAVE THREE BED-

ROOMS BUT UNABLE TO OBTAIN COMMITMENT NOW AS TO NUMBER OF THIS SIZE WE WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN. THEREFORE, AT THIS DATE, MUST POINT OUT THAT SOME OF ADVANCE WILL HAVE TO DOUBLE UP. SEE PARAGRAPH E.1. (C) BELOW.

D. ACTUAL VISIT:

AT CARACAS HILTON HAVE THREE SUITES FOR MARCH 27 AND MARCH 28 NIGHTS, ONE FOR CONTROL ROOM USE. ALSO BECAUSE OF HILTON REQUIREMENT EIGHTY DOUBLE ROOMS BOOKED FOR AND PAYMENT MUST BE MADE FOR NIGHTS OF MARCH 27 AND MARCH 28 AT CARACAS HILTON. FORTY ROOMS RESERVED AT MACUTO SHERATON FOR AIR FORCE CREWS FOR NIGHT OF MARCH 28.

E. PRESS:

FOLLOWING OPTIONS AVAILBLE.

1. IN CARACAS

(A) FIFTY-FIVE DOUBLE ROOMS FOR ONE HUNDRED AND TEN PERSONS TENTATIVELY BOOKED AT TAMANACO INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, APPROX-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMATELY TWELVE TO FIFTEEN MINUTES DRIVING TIME FROM CARACAS HILTON.

(B) FORTY-SEVEN TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENTS (POSSIBLY INCLUDING SOME THREE-BEDROOM UNITS) AVAILABLE AT ANAUCO HILTON FOR AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE PERSONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, PLEASE REFER TO PARAGRAPH A ABOVE.

(C) THESE TWO HOTELS WOULD PROVIDE FOR AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE PERSONS ON A ROOM-SHARING BASIS.

(D) HAVE RESERVED THIRTY-FIVE ROOMS AT MACUTO SHERATON FOR CHARTER CREWS.

2. AT BEACH:

HAVE OBTAINED TENTATIVE BOOKING FOR ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOUBLE ROOMS AT MELIA HOTEL FOR PRESS FOR NIGHT OF MARCH 28.

THIS MUST BE CONFIRMED BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
TO AVOID LOSS OF ROOMS.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. DESPITE INHERENT LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS
CREATED BY PRESS BEING LOCATED IN TWO HOTELS,
EMBASSY WILL BOOK PRESS INTO ANAUCO HILTON, AND
TAMANACO INSTEAD OF MELIA TO
AVOID EVEN GREATER LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS UNLESS
ADVISED TO CONTRARY BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1.

3. OFFICE SPACE:

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A. CARACAS HILTON STRENUOUSLY OBJECTS MOVING BEDROOM
FURNITURE OUT OF ROOMS IN ORDER REPLACE
WITH DESKS, ETC. INSTEAD, HOTEL HAS LARGE
ROOMS FURNISHED WITH TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR
OFFICE USE. HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RESERVE ONE
LARGE ROOM FROM MARCH 13 UNTIL END OF VISIT
AND FOUR MORE BEGINNING MARCH 20; ALSO
ONE ADDITIONAL ROOM STILL LARGER FROM
MARCH 20 TO END OF VISIT.

B. WILL ALSO RESERVE ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE
IN ANAUCO HILTON.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. CONFIRM EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION TO PUT
PRESS IN CARACAS HOTELS INSTEAD OF AT BEACH.
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